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Senate Foreign Relations Committee - Gentlemen:

On this awesome day when we remember the many war veterans, living and dead who gave so much in the attempt to create a better world, let us each be willing to so humble ourselves that we can actually make contact with the truths for our times and so be able to face these sacrificed ones and say, that we have drawn profound lessons from the brutalities of war so that "these honored dead shall not have died in vain," and their uneasy Spirits can at last embrace the "requiescat en Pacem" to which we would consign them in both compassion and love.

I must confess that I too have been one who in pride has often said that I would not lower or demean myself to the level of activities engaged in by our spies and subversives operating out of the Central Intelligence Agency. For this sin of pride I have paid dearly and in humility I pray that God enable me to make restitution by contributing to this sub-human realm of activity which is still necessary in the dealings between National Bodies. It certainly helped a lot that on the occasion of the laying of the Cornerstone of the new building for CIA that Ike noted the fact that its motto was to be that phrase from the Gospel (good news) of the Apostle St. John, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." For having invoked this principle and invited it to become incarnate in that agency and manifest in its aims and methods, a power to so do DID come down into at least the ideological realm and enable the likes of me to help with its achievement as ruling spirit of this Agency which operates in the realm of the Under-world, the sub-human Plutonian realm.

I note on page A 14 of the Washington Post today that you have been advised by a study undertaken by Dean Cleveland of the Maxwell Graduate School of Syracuse University, that you must be prepared to appropriate 25% of US tax funds to provide Capital for the industrial development of the backward Nations if the various 5-year plans of such Countries are to succeed. He placed particular stress on the case of India, the Post reporting "If India is not to fall behind in its race with Communist China, a substantially increased aid program will be required." Now if this is not to result in one more "operations rathole" this appraisal must be confirmed as an essential truth by information from the actual state of things, mostly concealed by Nehru and our wishfully thinking Eggheads, as to the actual conditions which do obtain and the degree to which existing resources, both human and monetary, are NOW being utilized in India, as an earnest that the aid will not once again be wasted.

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No doubt CIA could cite chapter and verse in confirmation of the statement made by a correspondent of mine in India, which is to the effect that there is NOW enough hoarded Capital in India to enable that Nation, if it will, to pull itself up industrially by its own bootstrap, so far as money goes. I put it to you that it is not only unfair to the hard pressed American taxpayer to extract from us the money to industrialize India when India has enough hoarded to do it herself, but it means that if we spend our money to help these misers stay misers, we do them a very fundamental disservice. To give Scrooge more money does not bestow upon him the gift of the Spirit of Christmas. Dickens disclosed a Higher truth than this Egghead remedy when he faced him with the terrifying spectre of the Ghost of Marley who scared the hell out of Scrooge, no doubt literally. Mary Haworth quite properly reminds us that such cussed souls are doubtless diabolically possessed, and the devil is hardly exorcised by allowing him to continue to get by with fraudulent claims of poverty to excuse his own crimes in the area of sins of omission. Eternal vigilance is not only the price of liberty but of public morality as well. The crimes of the van Dorens and the tricks of Dickie Boy are the result of the sins of omission of public interest, discrimination and demands for living up to a higher code than self-interest. I put it to you that economically the case is similar in India, the poverty and backwardness of the Government reflects the hoarding and selfishness of the individual citizen in India and if we let Nehru get by with such tricks of deception and respond to his blackmail "give me \$ or I'll get them from the Kremlin" we become however unwittingly, partners to that horrible crime of a Nation of Scrooges, each hoarding instead of circulating the money which is the economic blood of life of every Nation. And I put it to you that we will only make bad matters worse if we give more money to Scrooge.

What else can we do?

Well, I hardly need remind you of the best defense you have against those who try to induce you to be parties to their nefarious acts. If you say, "My dear constituent, that would violate my own code of private morality," you are only laughed at and removed from office at the next election, is not that true? But if you tell this tempter, "sorry, I couldn't possibly get by with helping you, Drew Pearson would smell a rat in no time and I would face public disclosure and possible prosecution before not only the bar of public opinion but the Dept. of Justice" - you have an argument which stops the boys in their tracks, and gets them off your necks without your having to become a political martyr. Is not that true? And the worst part of being a political martyr is its futility. You are only silently replaced by a lug who WILL go along with the "boys", and public morality is unchanged. I suggest that Nehru is hamstrung similarly. No doubt he is painfully aware of the fact he is officially asking for US funds he would not need if he could pry hoarded wealth in India out of hiding and into circulation. But how is this to be done? Let's help him by divulging in the public press, Drew Pearson style, or let Drew leak it, for that matter, the actual facts of the financial case of India which CIA doubtless has already compiled and has no callers for. You also need to know the degree to which Indians now help each other as far as their individual resources permit. Where this action is lacking, our aid has invariably ended up lining the pockets of the local bureaucrats, in Spain conspicuously as well as is perfectly plain in India already as I discovered when I was there this Spring.

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REMARKS:

Here are copies of two letters sent by "Rachel Welch" who is Mrs. James Welch of [redacted] and who states that the originals of each were sent to the WASHINGTON POST, to the GOP, Senate, Foreign Embassies, Peacemakers, and Pacifists. One of the letters, you will note, is to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In my opinion no action on the part of CIA is indicated.

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